

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing mood disorders, comprising theanine.

2. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein a symptom of mood disorders is at least one symptom selected from the group consisting of depressed mood, feelings of guilt, suicide, retardation: psychomotor, and diminished insight according to the assessment method by the Hamilton scale.

3. (Original) A food or beverage for ameliorating or preventing mood disorders, comprising theanine.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of theanine for manufacture of the pharmaceutical A method for ameliorating or preventing mood disorders comprising administering the composition of claim 1 or 2, or manufacture of food or beverage of claim 3 to a person in need thereof.~~

5. (New) A method for ameliorating or preventing a symptom of a mood disorder, wherein said symptom is at least one symptom selected from the group consisting of depressed mood, feelings of guilt, suicide, retardation: psychomotor, and diminished insight according to the assessment method by the Hamilton scale, comprising

administering an effective amount of the composition of claim 1 or 2 to a person in need thereof.